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67 2-(trisubstituted phenylimino)-imidazole compounds  
also known as 2-(trisubstituted anilino)-1,3 diazacyclopent-  
ene-(2) compounds are incorporated in topical composi-  
tions for lowering intraocular pressure.

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TOPICAL COMPOSITIONS FOR LOWERING  
INTRAOCULAR PRESSURE

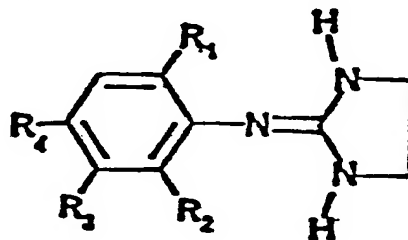
This invention relates to topical compositions  
5 for the treatment of glaucoma and ocular hypertension with  
α-adrenergics. More particularly, this invention relates  
to topical compositions lowering intraocular pressure  
(hereinafter "IOP") which contain an effective amount  
of particular 2-(trisubstituted phenylimino)-imidazoline  
10 compounds, also known as 2-(trisubstituted-anilino)-1,  
3-diazacylopentene-(2) compounds.

In glaucoma and ocular hypertension, the high  
pressure within the effected eye presses against the  
blood vessels nourishing the optic nerve head and retina.  
15 When these blood vessels collapse under abnormal ocular  
pressure, an atrophy of specific regions of the retina  
results which ultimately is related to loss of vision  
and blindness. It is known that certain α-adrenergics,  
such as clonidine, also known as 2-(2',6'-dichloroani-  
20 lino)-1,3-diazacyclopentene-(2) and under the naming and  
indexing of chemical substances for Chemical Abstracts  
as 2,6-dichloro-N-(2-imidazolidinylidene)-benzamine, are  
capable of lowering IOP. However, these compounds  
effect the central nervous system and lower systemic  
25 blood pressure, cause drowsiness and other undesirable  
side effect.

Unexpectedly, it has been discovered that the  
compositions of the invention exert a selective and local  
ocular pharmacological action which lowers IOP without  
30 lowering systemic blood pressure. When the compositions  
of the invention are applied topically to the eye they do  
not have to cross the blood barrier of the brain to  
effect IOP lowering. These compositions lower IOP through  
a local or peripheral α-adrenergic action at dose levels  
35 which selectively lower IOP without significantly affect-  
ing the central nervous system.

The IOP lowering action of the compositions of the invention is unexpected because the locus of clonidine action has been deemed in the art to be primarily mediated by the brain. The compositions of the invention surprisingly have been found to be excluded from the significant absorption into the central nervous system or brain when administered topically at concentrations required to lower ocular IOP. Unexpectedly, therefore, it has been found that the compositions of the invention exert a potent IOP Lowering by a local action without significantly lowering systemic blood pressure or causing other central nervous system side effects such as drowsiness.

Accordingly the present invention provides a topical composition for administration to the eye which comprises an amount effective to lower intraocular pressure of at least one compound of the formula :



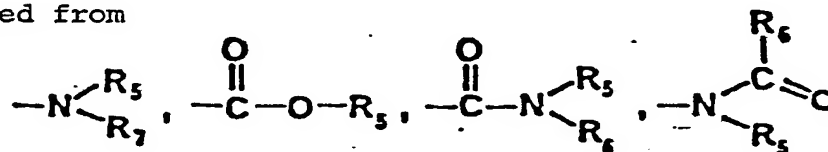
wherein

I. R<sub>1</sub> = R<sub>2</sub> = methyl, ethyl, trifluoromethyl, chloro or bromo,

R<sub>1</sub> ≠ R<sub>2</sub> and each = methyl, ethyl, trifluoromethyl, fluoro, chloro or bromo,

one of R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub> is H and the other is selected from

a)



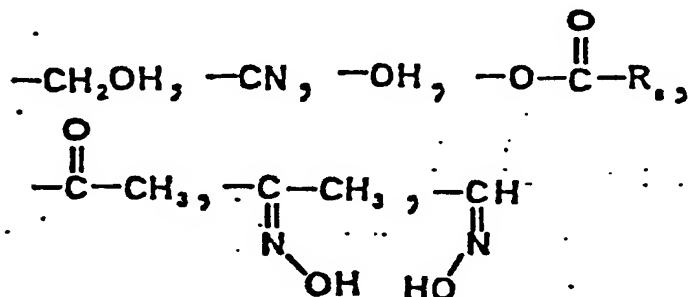
$R_5 = R_6 = \text{H or lower alkyl,}$

$R_5 \neq R_6$  and each = H, lower alkyl,

$R_7 = \text{H, lower alkyl 2-hydroxyethyl, 2-hydroxypropyl or 3-hydroxypropyl,}$

the sum of the carbon atoms in  $R_5$  and  $R_6$  or  $R_5$  and  $R_7$  being 4 or less or

b)

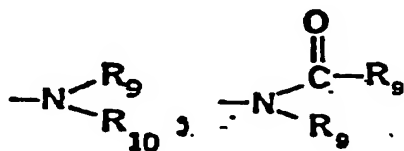


$R_8 = \text{lower alkyl;}$

II.  $R_1 = \text{methyl, ethyl, trifluoromethyl, chloro or bromo,}$

$R_2 = \text{H,}$

$R_3$  is selected from



$R_4 = \text{methyl, chloro or bromo}$

$R_9 = \text{H or lower alkyl,}$

$R_{10} = \text{H, lower alkyl, 2-hydroxyethyl, 2-hydroxypropyl or 3-hydroxypropyl,}$

the sum of the carbon atoms in  $R_9$  and  $R_{10}$  being 4 or less, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof together with a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier.

The alkyl substituents may be straight or branched chain. Generally methyl and ethyl derivatives

are prepared because they do not easily enter the central nervous system relative to larger alkyl groups.

The compositions of the invention may be in the form of solutions, gels or ointments. The compounds may  
5 be in the form of the free base or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, such as the monohydrochloride or the dihydrochloride. The topical compositions are formulated to contain a pharmaceutically effective amount of the compounds which may vary from composition to  
10 composition. Generally, the compositions will contain from 0.01% to 1.5% w/v based upon the equivalent weight of the compound free base.

The composition may be suitably preserved, in accordance with known practices, with a pharmaceutically  
15 acceptable preservative such as benzalkonium chloride, chlorobutanol, methylparaben or propylparaben. If desired, the compositions may contain suitable buffers such as phosphate, acetate, citrate or borate ions to maintain the desired pH of the composition within the  
20 pharmaceutically acceptable range of from 4.0 and 8.0. Certain pH ranges are more acceptable for some of the compounds that are sensitive to ester hydrolysis.

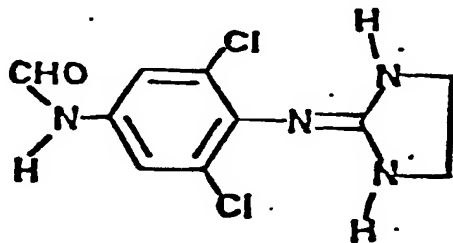
Other additives that are contemplated for inclusion in the topical compositions include sodium chloride  
25 or mannitol for adjustment of osmolarity, thickeners and/or gelling agents such as hydroxypropylmethylcellulose, methylcellulose, polyvinylpyrrolidone, polyvinylalcohol, and carboxypolymethylene (Carbopol). Other ingredients such as EDTA may also be incorporated in the compositions  
30 provided they are compatible with the other ingredients and are pharmaceutically acceptable.

Examples of the compounds of the invention were made as follows in accordance with the following examples.

EXAMPLE I

N-[3,5-Dichloro-4-(2-imidazolidinylideneamino)  
-phenyl]-formamide Free Base

N-[3,5-Dichloro-4-(2-imidazolidinylideneamino)  
-phenyl]-formamide which structurally is



may be made by the following procedure:

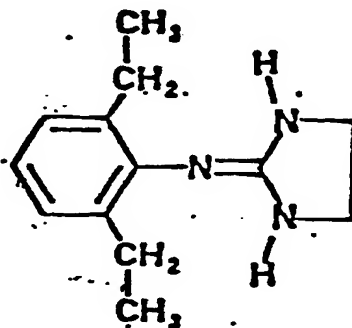
Formic acid (35 mL, 98%) and acetic anhydride (15 mL) are stirred and heated at 50°C. for 30 minutes then cooled to 10°C. Then 2,6-dichloro-N<sup>1</sup>-(2-imidazolidinylideneamino)-1,4-benzenediamine dihydrochloride

(12 g.) are added in portions. The mixture then is heated to 50°C. for 5 hours and then stirred for 6 hours at ambient temperature. Ether (50 mL) is added to the stirred mixture and colorless solids are collected by filtration with ether washes (100 mL) to yield after drying 12.2 g. of product with a melting point of 241-242°C. with decomposition and a mass spectral analysis of  $m/e^+$  272 for  $C_{10}H_{10}Cl_2N_4O$ . The free base is prepared by treatment of the product with 1N sodium hydroxide with prompt extraction by ethyl acetate. The dried ethyl acetate extract is dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and evaporated to yield a white powder (10.1 g).

#### EXAMPLE II

2,6-Diethyl-N-(2-imidazolidinylidene)-benzamine Free Base

2,6-Diethyl-N-(2-imidazolidinylidene)-benzamine Free Base which structurally is



may be made by the following procedure.

1. 1-Acetyl-2-imidazoline may be prepared from 2-imidazoline as follows:

2-Imidazoline (60 g., 0.7 mol) is suspended in acetic anhydride (500 mL) and the mixture is heated to reflux for 30 minutes, then is reduced in volume with heat and reduced pressure to a wet solid. Ethanol

(250 mL) is added and a colorless solid collected by filtration. The solid is air dried to yield crude 1-acetyl-2-imidazoline (60.5 g.) having a melting point of 176-180°C. (literature melting point of 176-177°C. as reported in J. Chem. Soc. 176 (1964)).

2. 2,6-Diethyl-N-(2-imidazolidinylidene)-benzamine may be prepared from 1-acetyl-2-imidazoline as follows:

1-Acetyl-2-imidazoline (12.6 g., 0.11 mol) in phosphorus oxychloride (140 mL) is stirred and heated to 45°C.; then 2,5-diethylbenzamine (16.5 mL, 0.10 mol) is added at a rate to maintain 50°C. After 24 hours the phosphorus oxychloride is evaporated with heat and reduced pressure. The resultant amber syrup then is poured onto ice (700 cc). The pH is adjusted to 12 with sodium hydroxide, and the aqueous mixture is extracted with methylene chloride (3 x 75 mL). The combined extracts then are washed with a sodium hydroxide solution (50 mL) and water (2 x 50 mL) and dried over magnesium sulfate. Evaporation of the methylene chloride results in a solid which is triturated with petroleum ether (30-60°C. boiling range, 250 mL) and collected by filtration (11.6 g., m.p. 134-137°C.). Recrystallization from cyclohexane yields 2,6-diethyl-N-(2-imidazolidinylidene)-benzamine, (7.0 g., m.p. 138-139°C.). Elemental analysis of the product shows it has the following composition: calculated for  $C_{15}H_{21}N_3O$ : C 69.46%, H 8.16%, N 16.20%; observed C 69.39%, H 8.25%, N 16.27%.

3. As the final step in the synthesis, 2,6-diethyl-N-(2-imidazolidinylidene)-benzamine may be prepared from 2,6-diethyl-N-[1-acetyl-(2-imidazolidinylidene)]-benzamine as follows:

2,6-Diethyl-N-[1-acetyl-(2-imidazolidinylidene)]-benzamine (4.0 g., 15.4 mmol) is suspended in

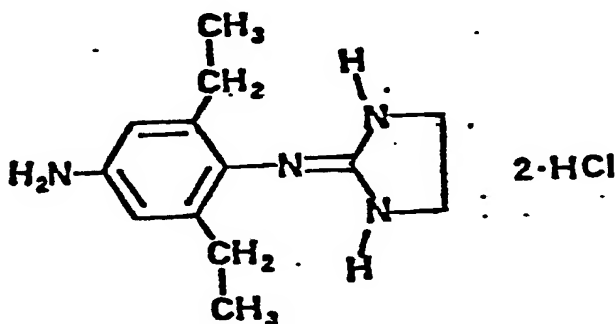


water (125 mL) and then is heated to reflux. After 3.5 hours the resulting clear colorless solution is cooled, ice is added, and the pH adjusted to 13 with sodium hydroxide. A white precipitate forms and is collected by filtration, is washed with water (80 mL) and then dried to yield 2,6-diethyl-N-(2-imidazolidinyldene)-benzamine free base white powder (3.1 g. 93%) with a melting point of 155-157°C. and a mass spectral analysis of  $m/e^{+} \cdot 217$  for  $C_{13}H_{19}N_3$ .

### EXAMPLE III

2,6-Diethyl-N<sup>1</sup>-(2-imidazolidinyldene)-  
1,4 benzenediamine Dihydrochloride

2,6-Diethyl-N<sup>1</sup>-(2-imidazolidinyldene)-1,4-benzenediamine dihydrochloride which structurally is



may be made by the following procedure.

1. 2,6-Diethyl-4-nitro-N-(2-imidazolidinyldene)-benzamine may be prepared from 2,6-diethyl-N-(2-imidazolidinyldene)-benzamine (from EXAMPLE II) as follows:

2,6-Diethyl-N-(2-imidazolidinyldene)-benzamine (4.35 g., 20 mmol) is added to a solution of fuming nitric acid (4.5 mL) in water at 5°C. Acetic acid (20 mL) then is added to the latter solution. Sodium

nitrite (310 mg., 4.5 mmol) then is added to the latter mixture and the reaction is heated to reflux. After two hours, the reaction is cooled to room temperature and additional sodium nitrite (310 mg.) in water (4 mL) is added. After four additional hours at reflux the mixture is stirred overnight at room temperature. The reaction mixture is poured onto ice, the pH was adjusted to 13, and a yellow precipitate is collected by filtration and air dried (4.5 g.). Column chromatography (silica gel; ethyl acetate, acetone, triethylamine (98:1.5:0.5)) yields 2,6-diethyl-4-nitro-N-(2-imidazolidinylidene)-benzamine which is triturated after drying with petroleum ether, filtered, air dried (0.95 g.) and having a mass spectral analysis of  $m/e^+$  262 for  $C_{13}H_{18}N_4O_2$ .

2. As the final step in the synthesis: 2,6-diethyl  $N^1$ -(2-imidazolidinylidene)-1,4-benzenediamine dihydrochloride may be prepared from 2,6-diethyl-4-nitro-N-(2-imidazolidinylidene)-benzamine as follows:

2,6-Diethyl-4-nitro-N-(2-imidazolidinylidene)-benzamine (750 mL) is dissolved in ethanol (80 mL). Ethanol washed Raney Nickel (700 mg.) then is added and the yellow mixture treated with hydrogen gas (45 psi) overnight to yield a colorless filtrate. The colorless filtrate is evaporated to an oil which forms needles upon standing, the needles having a mass spectral analysis of  $m/e^+$  232 for  $C_{13}H_{20}N_4$ . This solid is then dissolved in methanol (50 mL), cooled to 5°C. and hydrogen chloride gas is bubbled through. After 45 minutes the solution is evaporated to yield an oil which when treated with ethyl ether gives 2,6-diethyl-N-(2-imidazolidinylidene)-1,4-benzenediamine dihydrochloride which is a colorless powder (0.72 g.) having a melting point with decomposition of 250°C. Elemental analysis for the dihydrochloride salt shows it has the following

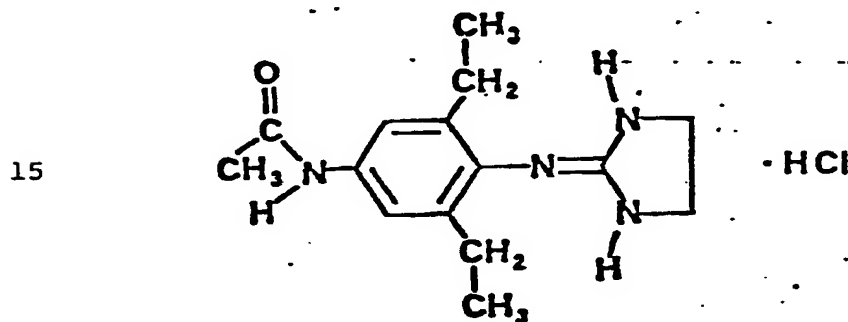
composition: calculated for  $C_{13}H_{22}Cl_2N_4$ : C 51.15%,  
H 7.26%, N 18.35%; observed: C 50.83%, H 7.25%,  
N 18.09%.

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EXAMPLE IV

N-[3-,5-Diethyl-4-(2-imidazolidinylideneamino)-  
phenyl]-acetamide Hydrochloride

N-[3,5-Diethyl-4-(2-imidazolidinylideneamino)  
10 phenyl]-acetamide hydrochloride which structurally is



20 may be made by the following procedure.

2,6-Diethyl-N<sup>1</sup>-(2-imidazolidinylidene)-1,4-benzenediamine dihydrochloride (1.9 g., 6.2 mmol), the synthesis of which is shown in EXAMPLE III, is suspended in acetic acid (15 mL) and stirred at room temperature  
25 for 20 minutes. A solution of acetyl chloride (1.35 mL, 18.6 mmol) in acetic acid (4 mL) is added dropwise to the latter suspension over 15 minutes at ambient temperature. After the addition is complete, the temperature is raised to 50°C. for 5 hours with stirring and then is  
30 cooled.

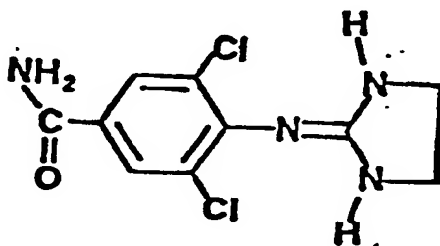
Upon cooling, the reaction mixture is poured onto ice and the pH is adjusted to 13. The resulting solid is extracted into ethyl acetate (100 mL) which is evaporated. The resulting residue is triturated with  
35 acetonitrile, is filtered and dried (1.23 g.). The

resulting solid is dissolved in chloroform, is treated with charcoal, and filtered through celite. Evaporation of the chloroform under reduced pressure and heat yields a solid form. This solid then is dissolved in methanol and treated with hydrogen chloride gas at 15°C. and after 45 minutes is precipitated with ether. Recrystallization from a methanol and ether combination yields a sample of about 1.1 g. of N-[3,5-diethyl-4-(2-imidazolidinylideneamino)-phenyl]-acetamide hydrochloride having a melting point of 267°C. and a mass spectral analysis of  $m/e^+$  274 for  $C_{15}H_{22}N_4O$ .

#### EXAMPLE V

3,5-Dichloro-4-(2-imidazolidinylideneamino)-benzenecarboxamide

3,5-Dichloro-4-(2-imidazolidinylideneamino)-benzenecarboxamide which structurally is



may be made by the following procedures:

Into a three-necked 500 mL round-bottomed flask equipped with a mechanical stirrer, reflux condenser, and thermometer and charged with 4-cyano-2,6-dichlorobenzamine (4 g., 0.016 m) in 30 mL of absolute ethanol is added hydrogen peroxide (9 mL of 30% in 81 mL of water) and potassium hydroxide (4.52 g. of 30% solution). The reaction mixture is heated to a temperature

of 45°C. over a thirty-minute period and maintained at this temperature for two additional hours. At this time, the solution is cooled to 0°C. with an ice bath and filtered to yield 1.8 g. of whitish crystalline material. Subsequent reduction in volume of the filtrate results in an additional 1.1 g. of the same material coming out of solution for a crude yield of 2.9 g. or 68% of theoretical. Recrystallization from water/ethanol solvent leads to a light yellow powder which has a melting point of 243-245°C. and gives the expected IR with double absorption in the 1700 to 1640  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  region.

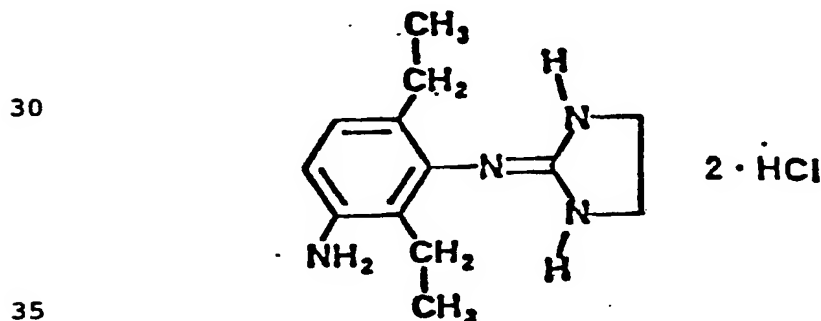
Elemental analysis for the salt shows it has the following composition: calculated for  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_4\text{Cl}_2$ :  
 15 C 43.98%, H 3.69%, N 20.51%, Cl 25.96%; observed:  
 C 43.82%, H 3.79%, N 20.39%, Cl 26.08%.

Alternatively, this example and other N- and N,N-disubstituted carboxamides can be prepared according to the German Offenlegungsschrift 2,905,883, 28 August 1980.

#### EXAMPLE VI

2,6-Diethyl- $\text{N}^1$ -(2-imidazolidinylidene)-  
 1,3-benzenediamine Dihydrochloride

25 2,6-Diethyl- $\text{N}^1$ -(2-imidazolidinylidene)-1,3-benzenediamine dihydrochloride which structurally is



may be made by the following procedure.

1. 2,6-Diethyl-3-nitro-N-(2-imidazolidinyli-  
dene)-benzenamine may be prepared from 2,6-diethyl-N-  
(2-imidazolidinyli-  
dene)-benzamine as follows:

5           Sulfuric acid (20 mL) is cooled to 5°C. and  
2,6-diethyl-N-(2-imidazolidinyli-  
dene)-benzamine (2.17 g.,  
10 mmol) is added with rapid stirring. After the solid  
dissolves to give a dark solution, a mixture of concen-  
trated nitric acid (0.75 mL, 12 mmol) and sulfuric acid  
10 (1.0 mL) is slowly added at 0-5°C. Upon complete addi-  
tion, the reaction is stirred at 0-5°C. for one hour and  
then is poured onto ice (150 mL) and filtered. The  
filtrate is basified with sodium hydroxide (pH 13) and  
then is extracted with ethyl acetate (3 x 100 mL).  
15 Chromatography (silica gel; ethyl acetate, acetone,  
triethylamine (92:2.5:0.5) yields a sample (1.5 g.) with  
a melting point of 131-133°C. and a mass spectral analy-  
sis of  $m/e^+$  262 for  $C_{13}H_{18}N_4O_2$ .

2. 2,6-Diethyl-N<sup>1</sup>-(2-imidazolidinyli-  
dene)-1,  
20 3-benzenediamine dihydrochloride may be prepared from  
2,6-diethyl-3-nitro-N-(2-imidazolidinyli-  
dene)-benzamine  
as follows:

2,6-Diethyl-3-nitro-N-(2-imidazolidinyli-  
dene)-benzamine (1 g., 3.8 mmol) is dissolved in ethanol  
25 (80 mL) and Raney Nickel (1 g.) in ethanol (10 mL) is  
added. The latter solution then is treated with hydro-  
gen (45 psi) for 15 hours. The resulting almost color-  
less solution is filtered and evaporated to a foam which  
then is dissolved in methanol (50 mL), treated with  
30 charcoal and filtered. The filtrate is cooled to 5°C.  
and hydrochloride gas is passed through the solution  
for 1/2 hour. The concentrated solution is treated with  
ethyl acetate and the resulting solid is collected by  
filtration. Elemental analysis of the salt shows that  
35 it has the following composition: calculated for

$C_{13}H_{20}N_4 \cdot 2HCl$ : C 51.15%, H 7.26%, N 18.35%; observed:  
C 51.06%, H 7.36%, N 18.34%.

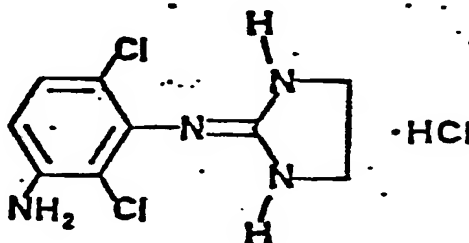
EXAMPLE VII

5        2,6-Dichloro- $N^1$ -(2-imidazolidinylidene)-  
         1,3-benzenediamine Hydrochloride

         2,6-Dichloro- $N^1$ -(2-imidazolidinylidene)-1,3-  
benzenediamine hydrochloride which structurally is

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may be made by the following procedure.

1. 2,6-Dichloro-3-nitro-N-(2-imidazolidinylidene)-benzamine is prepared as follows:

20        2,6-Dichloro-N-(2-imidazolidinylidene)-benzamine or clonidine is prepared according to the procedure of R. Rouot et al., J. Med. Chem., 19, 1049-54 (1976). Clonidine (11.45 g., 50 mmol) is suspended with stirring  
25 in cold sulfuric acid (30 mL). Then a solution of 70% nitric acid (50 mL, 55 mmol) and concentrated sulfuric acid (50 mL) is added dropwise with stirring over a period of thirty minutes. The reaction is stirred for two additional hours at 5-10°C. and then poured into ice  
30 (500 cc) with stirring forming a yellow solution. Sodium hydroxide pellets (28 g.) then are added to the yellow solution. Then 5% sodium hydroxide solution is added to the solution until the pH is approximately 3. Then the pH adjusted solution is extracted with ethyl  
35 acetate (5 x 500 mL). The combined ethyl acetate

extracts then are dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and then are filtered through celite. The filtrate is evaporated with heat and reduced pressure to yield a solid yellow foam which is triturated with hexanes and collected by filtration to yield a product (10.2 g.) with a melting point of 154-156.5°C. High resolution mass spectroscopy analysis for  $C_9H_8Cl_2N_4O_2$ : calculated 274.0024, observed 274.0020, error 0.4 mmu/1.5 ppm.

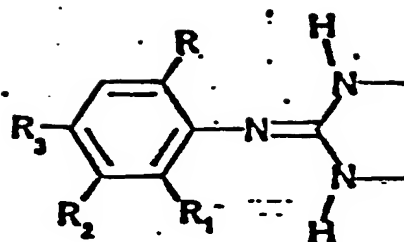
2. 2,6-Dichloro- $N^1$ -(2-imidazolininylidene)-1,3-benzebenzenediamine hydrochloride may be made from 2,6-dichloro-nitro-N-(2-imidazolininylidene)-benzamine as follows:

To a mechanically stirred suspension of 2,6-dichloro-3-nitro-N-(2-imidazolidinylidene)-benzamine (5 g., 18 mmol), iron powder (3.1 g., 56 mmol) and ethanol (50 mL) at reflux is added dropwise a solution of concentrated hydrochloric acid (4.6 mL) in 60% ethanol (25 mL). After the addition, the reaction is refluxed for one hour with stirring. Then potassium hydroxide (3N, 17.6 mL) is added while stirring. After the latter addition, the mixture is filtered while hot through a celite pad. The filtrate then is evaporated with heat and reduced pressure. The residue is dissolved in hot methanol treated with activated charcoal and is refiltered through a celite pad. Again the solvent is evaporated leaving an off-white solid (4.1 g.) with a melting point of 263-266°C. with decomposition. High resolution mass spectroscopy analysis for  $C_9H_{10}Cl_2N_4$ : calculated 244.0282, observed 244.0291, error 0.9 mmu/3.7 ppm.

German Offenlegungsschrift 2,806,811 of Staehle et al., 23 August 1979, Chemical Abstracts 92: 41944d, illustrates the following compounds:



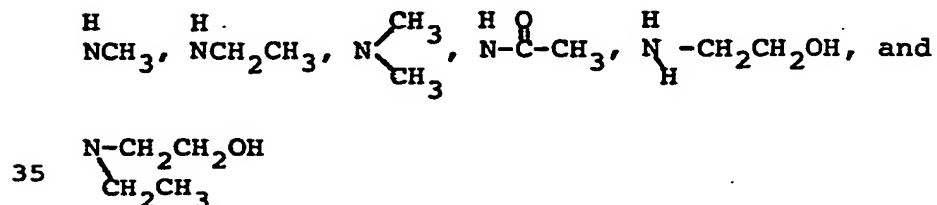
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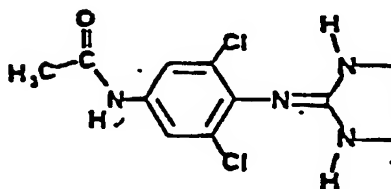
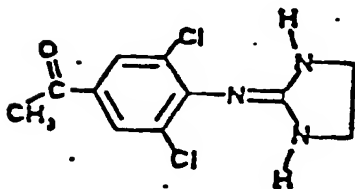
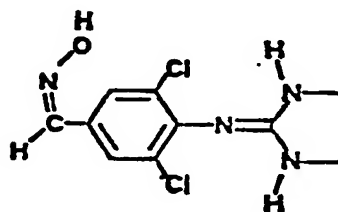
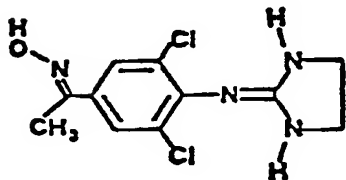
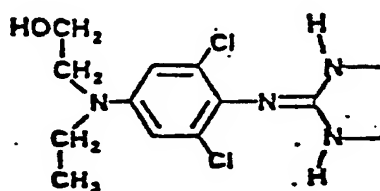
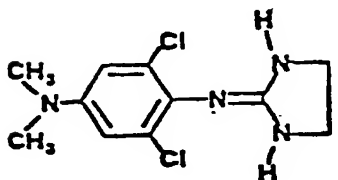
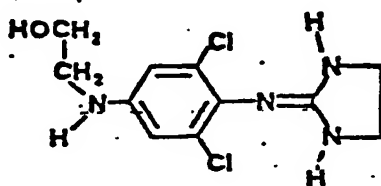
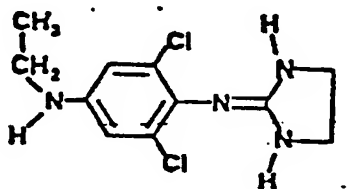
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1.  $R=R_3=\text{Cl or Br}, R_2=\text{NH}_2, R_1=\text{H}$
2.  $R=R_3=\text{Cl or Br}, R_2=\text{H}, R_1=\text{NH}_2$
3.  $R=R_3=\text{Me}, R_2=\text{NH}_2, R_1=\text{H}$
4.  $R=R_3=\text{Me}, R_2=\text{H}, R_1=\text{NH}_2$
- 15 5.  $R=\text{Cl or Br}, R_3=\text{Me}, R_2, R_1=\text{H}$
6.  $R=\text{Cl or Br}, R_3=\text{H}, R_2=\text{NH}_2, R_1=\text{H}$
7.  $R=\text{Cl or Br}, R_3=\text{H}, R_2=\text{H}, R_1=\text{NH}_2$
8.  $R=\text{H}, R_3=\text{Cl or Br}, R_2=\text{H}, R_1=\text{NH}_2$
9.  $R=R_3=\text{Cl or Br}, R_2=\text{CH}_2\text{OH}, R_1=\text{H}$
- 20 10.  $R=R_3=\text{Cl or Br}, R_2=\text{H}, R_1=\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$
11.  $R=\text{H}, R_3=\text{Cl or Br}, R_2=\text{CH}_3, R_1=\text{NH}_2$
12.  $R=\text{Cl or Br}, R_3=\text{F}, R_2=\text{NH}_2, R_1=\text{H}$
13.  $R=\text{Cl or Br}, R_3=\text{Cl or Br}, R_3=\text{NH}_2, R_1=\text{F}$
14.  $R=\text{Cl or Br}, R_3=\text{F}, R_2=\text{H}, R_1=\text{NH}_2$
- 25 15.  $R=\text{F}, R_3=\text{Cl or Br}, R_2=\text{H}, R_1=\text{NH}_2$

Further, in any compound having the above structure discussed in German Offenlegungsschrift 2,806,811, the amine on the benzene ring of such compound may have the following constituents including alkyl analogues or amides:

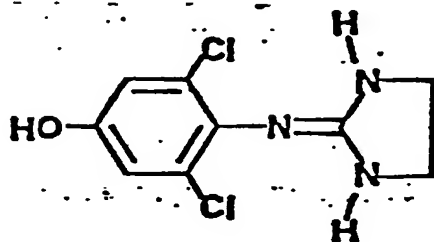


In an article entitled "Synthese et reactivite de la p-aminochlonidine" by Rouot et al. in Bulletin de la Societe Chimique de France at 79 (9-10) pt 2: 205-528 (1979) the following components were disclosed



United States Letters Patent No. 4,094,964 to Jarrott et al. discloses the following compound:

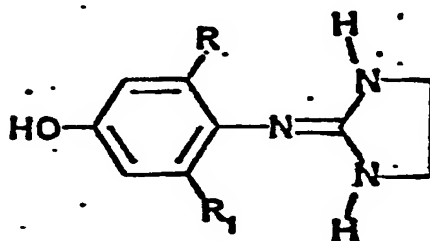
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German Offenlegungsschrift 2,805,775 of Staehle et al., 30 August 1979, Chemical Abstracts 92: 41946f illustrates the following compounds:

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where  $R = R_1 = \text{Br}$   
 $R = \text{Cl}, R_1 = \text{Br}$   
 $R = \text{Cl}, R_1 = \text{Me or lower alkyl, preferably methyl or ethyl.}$

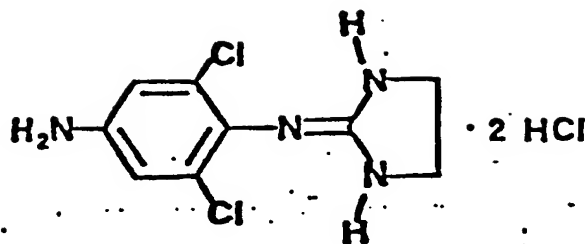
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#### EXAMPLE VIII

30     2,6-Dichloro- $\text{N}^1$ -(2-imidazolidinylidene)-1,4-benzenediamine Dihydrochloride

2,6-Dichloro- $\text{N}^1$ -(2-imidazolidinylidene)-1,4-benzenediamine Dihydrochloride which structurally is

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10 may be made by the following procedure.

1. 2,6-Dichloro-1,4-benzenediamine is prepared as follows:

Wet Raney Nickel (50 g., ethanol washed) is added to 2,6-dichloro-4-nitroaniline (100 g., 9.48 mol, Aldrich Chemical Co.) in ethanol (800 mL) in a glass-lined pressure vessel which is charged with hydrogen (50 psi) for six hours while the reaction mixture is mechanically stirred. After the reaction and the hydrogen gas is evacuated, the reaction mixture is filtered through a celite pad, evaporated to a small volume and poured into one liter of water. The resulting solid is collected on a filter and air dried to yield 112 grams of 2,6-dichloro-1,4-benzenediamine having a melting point of 118-120°C. (literature melting point of 124-125°C.).

2. N-(4-Amino-3,5-dichlorophenyl)-trichloroacetamide may be prepared from 2,6-dichloro-1,4-benzenediamine as follows:

2,6-Dichloro-1,4-benzenediamine (225 g., 1.27 mol) is suspended in methylene chloride (1.3 liters) containing triethylamine (245 mL, 1.7 mol). After the mixture is cooled to 5°C., trichloroacetylchloride (169 mL, 1.5 mol, Aldrich Chemical Co.) is added dropwise with stirring at a rate to maintain 5°C. Upon complete addition, the stirred reaction is allowed to

reach room temperature. After 24 hours the mixture is filtered and the collected solid is washed with methylene chloride (700 mL). The filtrate is evaporated to a small volume. A solid is collected and washed with  
5 methylene chloride (250 mL) to yield 465 grams of N-(4-amino-3,5-dichlorophenyl)-trichloroacetamide. The product exhibits a mass spectral analysis of  $m/e^+$  320 for  $C_8H_5Cl_5N_2O$ .

3. N-(3,5-Dichloro-4-formamidophenyl)-  
10 trichloroacetamide may be prepared from N-(4-amino-3,5-dichlorophenyl)-trichloroacetamide as follows:

Acetic anhydride (600 mL, 6.4 mol) and 90% formic acid (275 mL, 5.4 mol) are heated to reflux for 45 minutes and then cooled to 5°C. The N-(4-amino-3,5-  
15 dichlorophenyl)-trichloroacetamide (464 g., 1.44 mol) is added to the mixed anhydride solution and mechanically stirred for 20 hours at room temperature. Then the reaction mixture is poured onto ice (2 liters). When the stirred slurry reaches room temperature, it is  
20 collected by suction filtration and washed with water (1.5 liters) and dried to constant weight yielding 348.7 grams of N-(3,5-dichloro-4-formamidophenyl)-trichloroacetamide with a mass spectral analysis of  $m/e^+$  348 for  $C_9H_5Cl_5N_2O_2$ .

25 4. N-(3,5-Dichloro-4-dichloromethanimino-phenyl)-trichloroacetamide may be prepared from N-(3,5-dichloro-4-formamidophenyl)-trichloroacetamide as follows:

To N-(4-amino-3,5-dichloro-4-formamidophenyl)-  
30 trichloroacetamide (200 g., 0.57 mol) in thionyl chloride (415 mL, 3.5 mol) at reflux is dropwise added sulfonyl chloride (92 mL, 1.0 mol) over a 7-hour period. The reaction is heated for an additional 30 minutes and then allowed to stir at room temperature overnight. The  
35 reaction mixture then is reduced in volume by distilla-

tion in vacuo. The cooled solid is dissolved in ethyl acetate (200 mL), is treated with activated charcoal (4 g.), and is filtered through a celite pad followed with an ethyl acetate wash. The filtrate is evaporated to dryness with heat and reduced pressure. The solid N-(3,5-dichloro-4-dichloromethaniminophenyl)-trichloroacetamide is triturated with hexanes (600 mL), filtered and dried (164.8 g., 0.41 mol). A second crop of crystalline product may be collected from the mother liquor (29.72 g.). The product exhibits a mass spectral analysis of  $m/e^+$  400 for  $C_9H_3Cl_7N_2O$ .

5. N-[3,5-Dichloro-4-(2-imidazolidinylideneamino)-phenyl]-trichloroacetamide hydrochloride may be made from N-(3,5-dichloro-4-dichloromethaniminophenyl)-trichloroacetamide as follows:

To triethylamine (300 mL) in ethyl acetate (500 mL), mechanically stirred is dropwise added simultaneously N-(3,5-dichloro-4-dichloromethaniminophenyl)-trichloroacetamide (163 g., 0.4 mol) in ethyl acetate (225 mL) and ethylenediamine (40 mL, 0.74 mol) in ethyl acetate (350 mL). The addition of the former is accomplished in 5 hours, the latter in 7 hours. The temperature during the addition ranges from 29-33°C. The resulting suspension is stirred for another 15 hours at ambient temperature. The suspension is filtered with ethyl acetate wash (200 mL) and the combined filtrates are evaporated with heat and reduced pressure. Then toluene (200 mL) is added and the product is evaporated to dryness. A solid forms and is dissolved in ethyl acetate (800 mL) which then is cooled to 0°C. Hydrogen chloride gas is bubbled into the solution at less than 10°C. A white solid precipitate is collected by filtration, washed with ethyl acetate (200 mL) and dried to yield N-[3,5-dichloro-4-(2-imidazolidinylideneamino)-phenyl]-trichloroacetamide hydrochloride (180 g.) with a

mass spectral analysis of  $m/e^+$  388 for  $C_{11}H_9N_4Cl_5O$ .

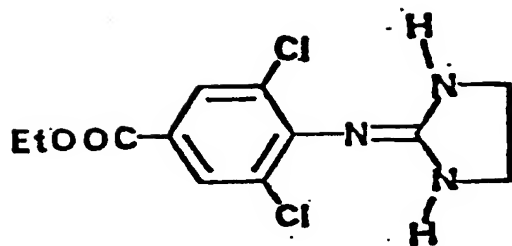
6. As the final step in the synthesis, 2,6-dichloro- $N^1$ -(imidazolidinylideneamino)-1,4-benzene-diamine dihydrochloride may be prepared from N-[3,5-dichloro-4-(2-imidazolidinylideneamino)-phenyl]-trichloroacetamide hydrochloride as follows:

To a solution of N-[3,5-dichloro-4-(2-imidazolidinylideneamino)-phenyl]-trichloroacetamide hydrochloride (262.5 g.) in methanol (750 mL) is added methanol saturated with anhydrous ammonia (750 mL). The solution is stirred at room temperature for four days under anhydrous conditions. The solution then is evaporated to dryness and the crystalline product triturated with ethyl ether (4 x 400 mL). The crystals are collected and dried to yield 137.5 g. of product. The crystals then are dissolved in methanol (1.8 liters), the solution is cooled to 10°C. and hydrogenchloride gas then is passed through the stirred solution at such a rate as to maintain the temperature below 15°C. After an hour a solid is collected and washed with cold methanol. Reprecipitation from methanol/ether and drying yields the dihydrochloride salt as a colorless or white powder (124.6 g.). Elemental analysis of the product shows that it has the following composition: calculated for  $C_9H_{12}Cl_4N_4$ : C 33.94%, H 3.80%, N 17.62%; observed: C 33.79%, H 4.00%; N 17.44%.

#### EXAMPLE IX

3,5-Dichloro-4-(2-imidazolidinylideneamino)-benzoic acid ethyl ester

3,5-Dichloro-4-(2-imidazolidinylideneamino)-benzoic acid ethyl ester which structurally is



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may be made by the following procedure.

1. Preparation of 4-amino-3,5-dichlorobenzoic acid ethyl ester:

Reaction of 4-aminobenzoic acid ethyl ester (20.7 g., 0.125 m. Aldrich Chem. Co.) with 430 mL of 6N HCl and 30%  $H_2O_2$  (25.3 mL, 0.25 m) leads to the formation of 27.1 g. of reddish brown crystalline solid with a melting point of 46-49.5°C.

2. 3,5-Dichloro-4-(2-imidazolidinylideneamino)-benzoic acid ethyl ester may be made from 4-amino-3,5-dichlorobenzoic acid ethyl ester as follows:

Following the procedure in Rouot et al., in J. Med. Chem., 19, 1049 (1976), 4-amino-3,5-dichlorobenzoic acid ethyl ester (70.2 g., 0.30 m) is reacted with the product from acetic anhydride (61.3 g., 0.60 m) and formic acid (34.5 g., 0.75 m) to yield the desired 3,5-dichloro-4-formamidobenzoic acid ethyl ester (62.0 g., 0.237 m) in crude yield of 79% with a melting point of 168-170°C. Reaction of this crude (16.35 g., 0.062 m) with a mixture of thionyl chloride (55.4 g., 0.47 m) and sulfuryl chloride (3.4 g., 0.062 m) leads to the desired 3,5-dichloro-4-dichloromethaniminobenzoic acid ethyl ester (14.65 g., 46 mmol) which distills at 105°C. at 250 mm of Hg after standard workup. It should be noted that this material may solidify on standing. Finally, this distilled dichloromethamine (4.35 g., 0.0138 m) is reacted with ethylene diamine (1.66 g., 0.0276 m), and 10 mL of triethylamine in



approximately 25 mL of ethyl acetate for 10 hours. An immediate white precipitate is noted, but stirring is continued overnight to ensure complete reaction. This reaction mixture then is vacuum filtered to yield

- 5 5.35 g. of white powder (which is greater than 100% yield, but is probably due to the fact that, in addition to the desired compound, triethylamine hydrochloride as well as the hydrochloride of the desired compound are present at this stage). Recrystallization of the white  
10 powder from absolute ethanol produced a white crystalline solid (2.3 g., 0.0076 m) in a yield of 55% with a melting point of 238-240°C. This compound demonstrates the expected IR absorptions at 3380 (sharp), 3150 (broad), 1710 (sharp), 1660 (sharp and most intense),  
15 1580 (sharp), 1275 (sharp), 1105  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (sharp).

Elemental analysis of the product shows that it has the following composition: calculated for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_3\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_2$ : C 47.70%, H 4.34%, N 13.91%, Cl 23.47%; observed: C 47.66%; H 4.41%; N 13.88%; Cl 23.82%.

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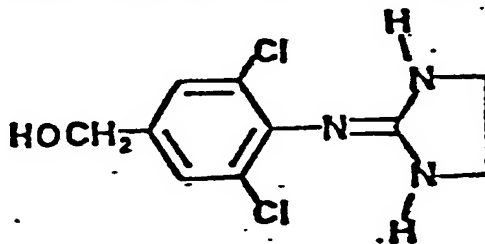
#### EXAMPLE X

3,5-Dichloro-4-(2-imidazolidinylideneamino)-benzenemethanol

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This compound is structurally

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and may be made by the following.

- This compound is synthesized by direct reduction of the corresponding ester of EXAMPLE IX, or the  
35 compound also can be prepared according to Staehle,

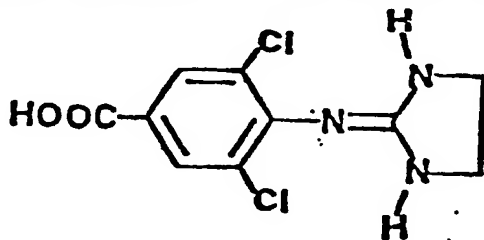
Koepe, Kummer, Holfke and Pichler, Boehringer C. H. Sohn Ger. Offen. 2,806,811, 23 August 1979. Thus, 3,5-dichloro-4-(2-imidazolidinylideneamino)-benzoic acid ethyl ester (3.03 g., 0.01 m) is dissolved in 70 ml of dry benzene in a three-necked 250 mL round-bottomed flask equipped with nitrogen inlet, magnetic stirrer, addition funnel, reflux condenser, and thermometer. Twelve ml of a 24% solution of diisobutyl aluminum hydride (3.0 g., 0.021 m) in toluene is added over 30 minutes and the mixture heated for an additional 2-hour period while maintaining the temperature at 45°C. Standard work up leads to 1.6 g (61%) of yellowish crystalline material with a melting point of 195-200°C. Subsequent recrystallization from absolute ethanol led to an almost white crystalline material with a melting point of 212-214°C. The IR spectrum of this compound was consistent with the desired compound.

Elemental analysis of the product shows that it has the following composition: calculated for  $C_{10}H_{11}N_3Cl_2O$ : C 46.17%, H 4.26%, N 16.15%, Cl 27.26%; observed: C 46.11%, H 4.27%, N 16.13%, Cl 27.48%.

#### EXAMPLE XI

3,5-Dichloro-4-(2-imidazolidinylideneamino)-benzoic acid

This compound is structurally



and may be made by the following procedure.

This compound is synthesized by acid hydrolysis of the corresponding ester of EXAMPLE IX. Thus, a solution of 3,5-dichloro-4-(2-imidazolidinylideneamino)-benzoic acid ethyl ester (4.5 g., 0.015 m) in 10 mL of 6N HCl is added to 150 ml of 10% HCl at a temperature of 70°C. in a 250 mL three-necked round-bottomed flask equipped with a reflux condenser and magnetic stirrer. The resulting solution was heated to reflux for 1.5 hours, cooled to cause precipitation, and vacuum filtered to yield 4.0 g. (86%) of a crude white powder, which did not melt below 320°C. Recrystallization of this material from absolute ethanol led to a white powder which did not melt below 320°C. and which had an IR spectrum consistent with the title compound.

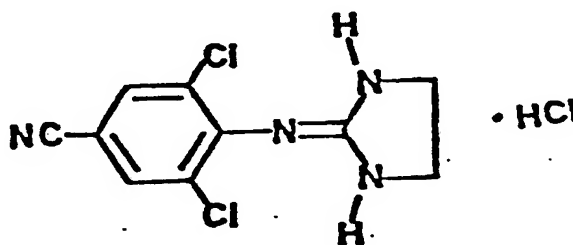
Anal. Calcd. for  $C_{10}H_{10}N_3Cl_3O_2$ : C, 38.67%; H, 3.25%; N, 13.53%; Cl, 34.25%.

Found: C, 38.78%; H, 3.30%; N, 13.42%; Cl, 34.10%.

#### EXAMPLE XII

4-Cyano-2,6-dichloro-N-(2-imidazolidinylidene)-benzamine Hydrochloride

This compound is structurally



and may be made by the following procedure.

1. Preparation of 4-cyano-2,6-dichlorobenzamine.

Reaction of 4-cyanobenzamine (10 g., 0.085 m, Aldrich Chem. Co.) with 292 ml of 6N HCl and 30%  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$

5 (17.2 mL, 0.17 m) led to the formation of a white crystalline compound with a melting point of 113-115°C. The yield of this compound was 12.3 g.

2. 4-Cyano-2,6-dichloro-N-(2-imidazolidinylidene)-benzamine may be prepared from 4-cyano-2,6-  
10 dichlorobenzamine as follows:

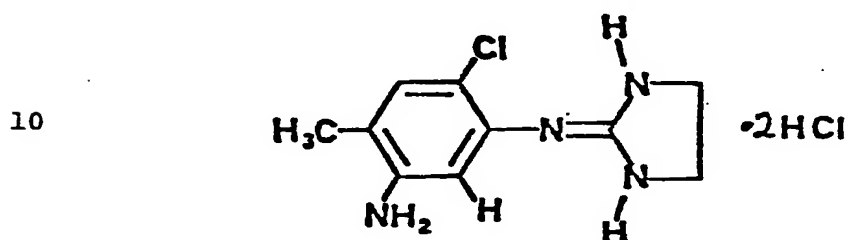
4-Cyano-2,6-dichlorobenzamine (8.00 g., 0.043 m) is converted to the corresponding N-(4-cyano-2,6 dichlorophenyl)-formamide (7.05 g., 0.033 m) for a 77% yield of a white powder with a melting point of  
15 198-200°C. Treatment of this formamide (4.3 g., 0.020 m) with thionyl chloride (35.7 g., 0.30 m) and sulfuryl chloride (4.10 g., 0.03 m) yields N-(4-cyano-2,6-dichlorophenyl)-dichloromethanimine (3.9 g., 0.0145 m) which is obtained by distillation at 110°C.  
20 at 250 mmHg for a yield of 73%. The product, which solidifies readily after the solvent and reactants have been completely stripped from the reaction mixture, is washed with hexanes. The dichloromethanimine (3.0 g., 0.011 m) is reacted with ethylene diamine and leads to  
25 the title compound (2.3 g., 0.0089 m) as a yellow white powder in a crude yield of 81% with a melting point of 245-250°C. Subsequent recrystallization from absolute ethanol leads to fluffy, cream-colored needles having a melting point of 255-258°C. The IR spectrum of this  
30 compound was consistent with the title compound with prominent absorptions at 2200 and 1650  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

Elemental analysis of the product shows that it has the following composition: calculated for  $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_8\text{N}_4\text{Cl}_2$ : C 47.08%, H 3.16%, N 21.96%, Cl 27.79%;  
35 observed: C 46.93%, H 3.32%, N 21.71%, Cl 27.88%.

EXAMPLE XIII

6-Chloro-N<sup>1</sup>-(2-imidazolidinylidene)-  
4-methyl-1,3-benzenediamine Dihydrochloride

5                    6-Chloro-N<sup>1</sup>-(2-imidazolidinylidene)-4-methyl-  
1,3-benzenediamine dihydrochloride which structurally is



may be made by the following procedure.

15                    1. Preparation of N-(2-chloro-4-methylphenyl)-  
-formamide is as follows:

Acetic anhydride (50 mL, 0.53 mol) and 97-  
100% formic acid (21.5 mL, 0.45 mol) are reacted to 50°C.  
for 15-20 minutes with stirring whereupon the solution  
20 is cooled to 0°C. 2-chloro-4-methylbenzamine (35.3 g.,  
30.7 mL, 0.25 mol, Aldrich Chem. Co.) then is added  
dropwise over 15 minutes with stirring. Then the  
stirred solution is heated to 50°C. for 7 hours. The  
solution is evaporated to dryness with heat and reduced  
25 pressure and the residue recrystallized from toluene  
(150 mL) to yield colorless crystals.

2. N-(2-Chloro-4-methylphenyl)-dichlorometh-  
animine may be prepared from N-(2-chloro-4-methylphenyl)-  
-formamide as follows:

30                    To N-(2-chloro-4-methylphenyl)-formamide  
(15.0 g., 88 mmol) in thionyl chloride (78.5 g., 48 mL,  
0.66 mmol) is added dropwise sulfuryl chloride (11.9 g.,  
7.1 mL, 88 mmol). The stirred solution is heated for 9  
hours with a dry ice condenser affixed. Then the  
35 reaction solution is concentrated by heat and reduced

pressure. Distillation (55-65°C. at 100 mm Hg) yields a product (16.0 g.).

3. 6-Chloro-N-(2-imidazolidinylidene)-4-methyl benzamine may be prepared from N-(2-chloro-4-methylphenyl)-dichloro-methanimine as follows:

To triethylamine (55 mL) in ethyl acetate (40 mL) mechanically stirred is dropwise added simultaneously N-(2-chloro-4-methylphenyl)-dichloromethanimine (16 g., 72 mmol) in ethyl acetate (20 mL) and ethylenediamine (8.6 g., 9.6 mL, 144 mmol) in ethyl acetate (20 mL) over a period of 50 minutes. The reaction mixture is allowed to stir for an additional 20 hours at ambient temperature. The mixture is filtered and the filtrate is evaporated with heat and reduced pressure.

15 The residue is triturated with ethyl acetate and collected by filtration and air dried (4.2 g.). The layer chromatography on silica gel (chloroform, methanol, concentrated ammonium hydroxide: 8.5, 1.5., 2 drops) showed the product at  $R_f = 0.5$ . The product exhibits a mass spectral analysis of  $m/e^+$  209 for  $C_{10}ClH_{12}N_3$ .

4. 6-Chloro-N-(2-imidazolidinylidene)-4-methyl-2-nitro-benzamine may be made from 6-chloro-N-2-imidazolidinylidene-4-methyl-benzamine as follows:

To 6-chloro-N-(2-imidazolidinylidene)-4-methyl-benzamine (1.0 g., 4.8 mmol) in concentrated sulfuric acid (5 mL) at 5°C. is added dropwise with stirring to a solution of concentrated sulfuric acid (0.26 mL) and 70% nitric acid (0.33 mL) during a 15 minute period. After thirty minutes the darkened reaction mixture is poured onto ice, basified to pH 10 with ammonium hydroxide and extracted with ethyl acetate (4 x 50 mL). The combined extracts are dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. Evaporation with heat and reduced pressure yields a yellow powder (1.1 g.).

35 Recrystallization from toluene yields a yellow solid

(0.4 g.) which gives a single spot on thin layer chromatography with silica gel (chloroform, methanol, concentrate ammonium hydroxide: 9, 1, 2 drops)  $R_f=0.73$ . The product exhibits a mass spectral analysis of  $m/e^+$  254

5 for  $C_{10}H_{11}Cl N_4O_2$ .

5. 6-chloro- $N^1$ -(2-imidazolidinylidene)-4-methyl-1,3-benzenediamine dihydrochloride may be made from 6-chloro-N-(2-imidazolidinylidene)-4-methyl-3-nitro-benzamine as follows:

10 To a mechanically stirred suspension of 6-chloro-N-(2-imidazolidinylidene)-4-methyl-3-nitro-benzamine (0.5 g., 2 mmol), iron powder (0.65 g., 6 mmol) and 50% ethanol (10 mL) is added dropwise hydrochloric acid (1.0 mL). The reaction mixture then is  
15 refluxed for one hour and then sodium hydroxide is added. The reaction mixture is filtered and the solid washed with ethanol. The filtrate is evaporated to dryness, dissolved in methanol and filtered. The filtrate is evaporated again, redissolved in methanol  
20 (30 mL) and hydrogen chloride gas is bubbled through the solution. After evaporation the solid is titrated with ether (3 x 30 mL) yielding a product after recrystallization from methanol (0.25 g.) with a melting point of 243-248°C. with decomposition. The product exhibits a  
25 mass spectral analysis of  $m/e^+$  224 for  $C_{10}H_{13}ClN_4$ . Elemental analysis of the product shows:  $C_{12}H_{15}Cl_2N_4 \cdot 1/2 H_2O$ : calculated C 39.17%, H 5.26%, N 18.27%; observed: C 38.79%, H 5.09%, N 17.95%.

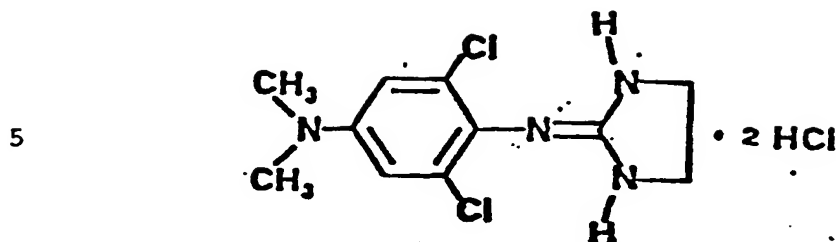
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#### EXAMPLE XIV

2,6-Dichloro- $N^1$ -(2-imidazolidinylidene)-  
 $N^4$ ,  $N^4$ -dimethyl-1,4-benzenediamine Dihydrochloride

2,6-Dichloro- $N^1$ -(2-imidazolidinylidene)  $N^4$ ,  
35  $N^4$ -dimethyl-1,4-benzenediamine dihydrochloride which

structurally is



may be made by the following procedure.

- 10           2,6-dichloro-N<sup>1</sup>-(2-imidazolidinylidene)-N<sup>4</sup>,  
N<sup>4</sup>-dimethyl-1,4-benzenediamine dihydrochloride was  
prepared according to the general procedure of R. Rouot  
and G. Leclerc, Bull. Soc. Chim. Fr., 1979 (pt. 2),  
520-28 with the exception that the free base was  
15 converted to the dihydrochloride salt. The free base  
of 2,6 dichloro-N<sup>1</sup>-(2-imidazolidinylidene)-N<sup>4</sup>,N<sup>4</sup>-  
dimethyl-1,4-benzenediamine (0.5 g.) after chromato-  
graphic purification was dissolved in methanol (40 mL)  
and cooled to 5-10°C. in an ice bath and hydrogen  
20 chloride gas was bubbled through the solution. The  
solution was treated with powdered charcoal (1 g.),  
filtered through a celite pad, evaporated to dryness and  
trituated with ether to yield a white powder (1.7 g.)  
with a melting point of 275-277°C. with decomposition.  
25 NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, TMS): 2.85 (amine methyls, 6H, S), 3.50  
(ethylene, 4H, S) 6.67 (aromatic, 2H, S). Mass  
spectral analysis m/e<sup>+</sup> 272 for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>14</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>4</sub>.

In addition to the examples set forth herein,  
compounds contemplated for use in the present invention  
30 include the following free bases and pharmaceutically  
acceptable salts:

2,6-Dibromo-N<sup>1</sup>-(2-imidazolidinylidene)-1,4-  
benzenediamine;

2,6-Dibromo-N<sup>1</sup>-(2-imidazolidinylidene)-1,3-  
35 benzenediamine;



- N-[3,5-Dibromo-4-(2-imidazolidinylideneamino)-phenyl]-acetamide;
- N-[2,4-Dibromo-3-(2-imidazolidinylideneamino)-phenyl]-acetamide;
- 5 3,5-Dibromo-4-(2-imidazolidinylideneamino)-phenol and phenolic esters thereof;
- 2,6-Ditrifluoromethyl-N<sup>1</sup>-(2-imidazolidinylidene)-1,4-benzenediamine;
- 2,6-Ditrifluoromethyl-N<sup>1</sup>-(2-imidazolidinylidene)-1,3-benzenediamine;
- 10 N-[3,5-Ditrifluoromethyl-4-(2-imidazolidinylideneamino)-phenyl]-acetamide;
- 2,6-Dimethyl-N<sup>1</sup>-(2-imidazolidinylidene)-1,4-benzenediamine;
- 15 2,6-Dimethyl-N<sup>1</sup>-(2-imidazolidinylidene)-1,3-benzenediamine;
- N-[3,5-Dimethyl-4-(2-imidazolidinylideneamino)-phenyl]-acetamide;
- N-[2,4-Dimethyl-3-(2-imidazolidinylideneamino)-phenyl]-acetamide;
- 20 N-[2,4-Diethyl-3-(2-imidazolidinylideneamino)-phenyl]-acetamide;
- 3,5-Dimethyl-4-(2-imidazolidinylideneamino)-phenol and phenolic esters thereof;
- 25 3,5-Diethyl-4-(2-imidazolidinylideneamino)-phenol and phenolic esters thereof;
- 3,5-Dibromo-4-(2-imidazolidinylideneamino)-phenol and phenolic esters thereof;
- 2,6-Dichloro-N<sup>1</sup>-(2-imidazolidinylidene)-N<sup>4</sup>-methyl-1,4-benzenediamine;
- 30 2,6-Dibromo-N<sup>1</sup>-(2-imidazolidinylidene)-N<sup>4</sup>-methyl-1,4-benzenediamine;
- 2,6-Dimethyl-N<sup>1</sup>-(2-imidazolidinylidene)-N<sup>4</sup>-methyl-1,4-benzenediamine;
- 35 2,6-Diethyl-N<sup>1</sup>-(2-imidazolidinylidene)-N<sup>4</sup>-

- methyl-1,4-benzenediamine;  
 2,6-Dibromo-N<sup>4</sup>, N<sup>4</sup>-dimethyl-N<sup>1</sup>-(2-imidazolidinyli-  
 dinylidene)-1,4-benzenediamine;  
 2,6-Dimethyl-N<sup>4</sup>, N<sup>4</sup>-dimethyl-N<sup>1</sup>-(2-imidazoli-  
 5 dinylidene)-1,4-benzenediamine;  
 2,6-Diethyl-N<sup>4</sup>, N<sup>4</sup>-dimethyl-N<sup>1</sup>-(2-imidazoli-  
 dinylidene)-1,4-benzenediamine;  
 N<sup>4</sup>, N<sup>4</sup>-Dimethyl-N<sup>1</sup>-(2-imidazolidinyli-  
 6-ditrifluoromethyl-1,4-benzenediamine;  
 10 N-[3,5-Dichloro-4-(2-imidazolidinyli-  
 deneamino)-phenyl]-N-methyl-acetamide;  
 N-[3,5-Dibromo-4-(2-imidazolidinyli-  
 deneamino)-phenyl]-N-methyl-acetamide;  
 N-[3,5-Diethyl-4-(2-imidazolidinyli-  
 15 deneamino)-phenyl]-N-methyl-acetamide;  
 3,5-Dichloro-4-(2-imidazolidinyli-  
 deneamino)-benzenemethanol and esters thereof;  
 N-[3-bromo-5-chloro-4-(2-imidazolidinyli-  
 deneamino)-phenyl]-acetamide;  
 20 N-[3-bromo-5-chloro-4-(2-imidazolidinyli-  
 deneamino)-phenyl]-N-methyl-acetamide;  
 3-Bromo-5-chloro-4-(2-imidazolidinyli-  
 deneamino)-phenol and phenolic esters thereof;  
 3,5-Dibromo-4-(2-imidazolidinyli-  
 25 deneamino)-benzenecarboxamide;  
 3,5-Dichloro-4-(2-imidazolidinyli-  
 deneamino)-benzene-N,N-dimethyl-carboxamide;  
 3,5-Dibromo-4-(2-imidazolidinyli-  
 deneamino)-benzoic acid and alcohol esters thereof;  
 30 3,5-Dibromo-4-(2-imidazolidinyli-  
 deneamino)-benzenemethanol and esters thereof.

The efficacy of several 2-(trisubstituted  
 anilino)-1,3 diazacyclopentene-(2) compounds shown in  
 Table I in lowering IOP without affecting the central  
 35 nervous system using clonidine as a control was tested

Other compounds contemplated by the invention are:

- A. 3,5-Dichloro-4-(2-imidazolidinylidene-amino)-benzoic acid ethyl ester;
  - 5 B. 3-Chloro-5-ethyl-4-(2-imidazolidinylidene-amino)-benzoic acid ethyl ester;
  - C. 3,5-Diethyl-4-(2-imidazolidinylidene-amino)-benzoic acid ethyl ester;
  - D. N-[3-chloro-5-ethyl-4-(2-imidazolidinyli-
  - 10 deneamino)-phenyl]-acetamide;
  - E. 2-chloro-6-ethyl-N<sup>1</sup>-(2-imidzolidinyli-dene)-1,4-benzenediamine;
- and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

by the following biological procedures. (A to E)

The data from the hereinafter described tests is illustrated in Table I.

A. Rhesus Monkey - Laser Model

5           Ocular hypertension was produced in adult  
Rhesus monkeys (4) via an argon laser photocoagulation  
of trabecular meshwork in the eye. The treated eye  
(only one is lasered) was allowed to heal and the IOP  
stabilized after about six weeks. Tests were performed  
10 by topical administration of one drop of a 0.5% solution  
of the test agent to the Ketamine anesthetized Rhesus  
monkey's eye. The IOP change was recorded by an Alcon  
Applanation Phneumatograph. The peak effect was  
recorded as a percentage change in the hypertensioned  
15 eye versus the IOP value of the same eye recorded at the  
same hour the previous day.

B. Normal Rabbit Model

To determine the IOP reduction efficacy of the  
anti-glaucoma drugs of the invention in normal albino  
20 rabbits the following was done.

New Zealand albino rabbits (12) were acclima-  
tized in restraining boxes for thirty minutes. Alcaine/  
saline (1:5) was applied to the rabbit eyes and baseline  
IOP in mm Hg pressure were measured using an Alcon  
25 Laboratory Applanation Phneumatograph. Then thirty  
minutes later, the coded test substance versus a coded  
saline control was administered as a 50 ul drop to one  
eye, six animals in each group. The treatment effects  
were measured as a function of time. Mean IOP and mean  
30 change in IOP for each hourly reading was recorded.  
The effect cited is a peak percentage effect versus the  
external control test group.

C. The "Steroid" Rabbit Model

Biological procedures for measuring IOP  
35 effects of drugs in the "steroid" rabbit model are

given in B. L. Bonomi and L. Tomayzöl, Invest. Ophthalm. 15, 781,784 (1976) and L. Bonomi et al., Albrecht Graefes Arch. Ophthalm., 209, 73, 89. Luciano Bonomi et al., Albrecht Graefes Arch. Ophthalm.,

- 5 219, 1, 8, (1979) shows the model works for known anti-glaucoma drugs. In the experiments shown in Table I, a drop of the drug was administered to one eye of the subject rabbit and the IOP in the treated eye was monitored as a function of time.

10 D. 20% Blood Pressure Decrease In The Rat

- Six Sprague-Dawley rats (6 per test group at 200-400 g.) are anesthetized (65 mg/kg sodium pentobarbital) and placed on a heating pad. The femoral artery was cannulated and hydrolically connected to a pressure transducer and Grass Model 7 recorder. A fifteen minute blood pressure reading was recorded. A buffered test agent was given intravenously in a small volume (i.e., 0.1 mL). The test agent effect on blood pressure was then recorded. The mean dose calculated to lower blood pressure 20% in the rat is given in ug/kg.
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E. Potentiation of Hexobarbital Induced Anesthesia

- Concomitant intraparateneal administration of the test drug and hexobarbital to mice will result in an increase in the duration of anesthesia as compared to hexobarbital alone, if the test compound has sedative activity. This potentiation can be used as a relative measure of central nervous system effect (sedative activity) for comparison of test compounds. The end-point of anesthesia was recorded as the recovery of the "righting reflex".
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TABLE I

IOP Lowering Data  
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After Topical Administration Of Drug)

	(A) 50uL 0.5% topical Laser-Monkey %IOP	(B) 50uL 1% topical Normal Rabbit %IOP
R <sub>1</sub> =R <sub>2</sub> =Cl; R <sub>3</sub> =R <sub>4</sub> =H 2,6-Dichloro-N-2- imidazolidinylidene- benzamine Free Base	-32.0%	-13.9%
R <sub>1</sub> =R <sub>2</sub> =Cl; R <sub>3</sub> =H, R <sub>4</sub> =NH <sub>2</sub> 2,6-Dichloro-N <sup>1</sup> -2- imidazolidinylidene-1,4- benzenediamine Dihydro- chloride	-21.0%	-1.3%
R <sub>1</sub> =R <sub>2</sub> =Cl; R <sub>3</sub> =H, R <sub>4</sub> =NCOH N-[3,5-Dichloro-4-(2- imidazolidinylideneamino)- phenyl]-formamide Free Base	-26.0%	-15.6%
R <sub>1</sub> =R <sub>2</sub> =Cl; R <sub>3</sub> =H, R <sub>4</sub> =NCOCH <sub>3</sub> N-[3,5-Dichloro-4-(2- imidazolidinylideneamino)- phenyl]-acetamide Hydrochloride	-4.0%	-19.0%
R <sub>1</sub> =R <sub>2</sub> =Cl; R <sub>3</sub> =H, R <sub>4</sub> =-OH 3,5-Dichloro-4-(2- imidazolidinylideneamino)- phenol Hydrochloride	-23.0%	-7.4%

(continued)

TABLE I - continued

IOP Lowering Data  
(Drop In Intraocular Pressure  
After Topical Administration Of Drugs)

	(A) 50uL 0.5% topical Laser-Monkey %IOP	(B) 50uL 1% topical Normal Rabbit %IOP
$R_1=R_2=Cl$ ; $R_3=-NH_2$ , $R_4=H$ 2,6-Dichloro- $N^1$ -(2- imidazolidinylidene)- 1,3-benzenediamine Hydrochloride	--	0.0%
$R_1=R_2=Cl$ ; $R_3=H$ , $R_4=-CH_2-OH$ 3,5-Dichloro-4-(2- imidazolidinylideneamino)- benzenemethanol Hydrochloride	-17%	0.0%
$R_1=R_2=Cl$ ; $R_3=H$ , $R_4=COOH$ 3,5-Dichloro-4-(2- imidazolidinylidene amino)-benzoic Acid	--	-4.5%
$R_1=R_2=Cl$ ; $R_3=H$ , $R_4=CO_2C_2H_5$ 3,5-Dichloro-4-(2- imidazolidinylideneamino)- benzoic Acid Ethyl Ester	--	-5.6%
$R_1=R_2=Cl$ ; $R_3=H$ , $R_4=N(CH_3)_2$ 2,6-Dichloro- $N^1$ -(2- imidazolidinylidene)- $N^4,N^4$ - dimethyl-1,4-benzene- diamine Dihydrochloride	--	-10.2%

(continued)

TABLE I - continued

IOP Lowering Data  
(Drop In Intraocular Pressure  
After Topical Administration Of Drugs)

	(A) 50uL 0.5% topical Laser-Monkey %IOP	(B) 50uL 1% topical Normal Rabbit %IOP
R <sub>1</sub> =R <sub>2</sub> =ethyl; R <sub>3</sub> =H, R <sub>4</sub> =H 2,6-Diethyl-N-(2- imidazolidinylidene)- benzamine Free Base	--	--
R <sub>1</sub> =R <sub>2</sub> =ethyl; R <sub>3</sub> =H, R <sub>4</sub> =NH <sub>2</sub> 2,6-Diethyl-N <sup>1</sup> -(2- imidazolidinylidene)- 1,4-benzenediamine Dihydrochloride	--	--
R <sub>1</sub> =R <sub>2</sub> =ethyl; R <sub>3</sub> =H, R <sub>4</sub> =-NCOCH <sub>3</sub> N-[2,6-Diethyl-4-(2- imidazolidinylideneamino)- phenyl]-acetamide Hydrochloride	--	--
R <sub>1</sub> =R <sub>2</sub> =ethyl; R <sub>3</sub> =-NH <sub>2</sub> , R <sub>4</sub> =H 2,6-Diethyl-N <sup>1</sup> -(2- imidazolidinylidene)- 1,3-benzenediamine Dihydrochloride	--	--
R <sub>1</sub> =R <sub>2</sub> =Cl; R <sub>3</sub> =H, R <sub>4</sub> =-CN 4-Cyano-2,6-dichloro- N-(2-imidazolidinylidene)- benzamine	--	-2.3%

(continued)



TABLE I - continued

IOP Lowering Data  
(Drop In Intraocular Pressure  
After Topical Administration Of Drugs)

	(A) 50uL 0.5% topical Laser-Monkey %IOP	(B) 50uL 1% topical Normal Rabbit %IOP
$R_1=R_2=Cl;$	--	--
$R_3=H, R_4=-CONH_2$ 3,5-Dichloro-4-(2- imidazolidinylideneamino)- benzenecarboxamide Free Base		
$R_1=Cl; R_2=H; R_3=NH_2;$ $R_4=CH_3$ 6-Chloro-N <sup>1</sup> =(2- imidazolidinylidene)- 4-methyl- 1,3-benzenediamine Dihydrochloride		

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TABLE I - continued

IOP Lowering Data  
(Drop In Intraocular Pressure  
After Topical Administration Of Drugs)

	(C) 50uL 0.5% topical Steroid Rabbit %IOP	(D) Dose 50ul/kg 20% b.p. Decease Rat
R <sub>1</sub> =R <sub>2</sub> =Cl; R <sub>3</sub> =R <sub>4</sub> =H 2,6-Dichloro-N-2- imidazolidinylidene- benzamine Free Base	-27.0%	4.8
R <sub>1</sub> =R <sub>2</sub> =Cl; R <sub>3</sub> =H, R <sub>4</sub> =NH <sub>2</sub> 2,6-Dichloro-N <sup>1</sup> -2- imidazolidinylidene-1,4- benzenediamine Dihydro- chloride	-25.0% -25.0% -21.0%	2 3 50.0
R <sub>1</sub> =R <sub>2</sub> =Cl; R <sub>3</sub> =H, R <sub>4</sub> =NCOH N-[3,5-Dichloro-4-(2- imidazolidinylideneamino)- phenyl]-formamide Free Base	-30.0%	30.0
R <sub>1</sub> =R <sub>2</sub> =Cl; R <sub>3</sub> =H, R <sub>4</sub> =NCOCH <sub>3</sub> N-[3,5-Dichloro-4-(2- imidazolidinylideneamino)- phenyl]-acetamide Hydrochloride	-30.0%	18.0
R <sub>1</sub> =R <sub>2</sub> =Cl; R <sub>3</sub> =H, R <sub>4</sub> =-OH 3,5-Dichloro-4-(2- imidazolidinylideneamino)- phenol Hydrochloride	-4.0%	38.0

(continued)

TABLE I - continued

IOP Lowering Data  
(Drop In Intraocular Pressure  
After Topical Administration Of Drugs)

	(C) 50uL 0.5% topical Steroid Rabbit %IOP	(D) Dose 50uL/kg 20% b.p. Decease Rat
R <sub>1</sub> =R <sub>2</sub> =Cl; R <sub>3</sub> =-NH <sub>2</sub> , R <sub>4</sub> =H 2,6-Dichloro-N <sup>1</sup> -(2- imidazolidinylidene)- 1,3-benzenediamine Hydrochloride	-25.0%	16.0
R <sub>1</sub> =R <sub>2</sub> =Cl; R <sub>3</sub> =H, R <sub>4</sub> =-CH <sub>2</sub> , -OH 3,5-Dichloro-4-(2- imidazolidinylideneamino)- benzenemethanol Hydrochloride	-26.0%	190.0
R <sub>1</sub> -R <sub>2</sub> =Cl R <sub>3</sub> =H, R <sub>4</sub> =COOH 3,5-Dichloro-4-(2- imidazolidinylidene amino)-benzoic Acid	-19.9%	50,000.0
R <sub>1</sub> =R <sub>2</sub> =Cl; R <sub>3</sub> =H, R <sub>4</sub> =CO <sub>2</sub> C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> 3,5-Dichloro-4-(2- imidaolidinylideneamino)- benzoic Acid Ethyl Ester	-20.7% -14.0 <sup>3</sup>	27,000.0
R <sub>1</sub> =R <sub>2</sub> =Cl; R <sub>3</sub> =H, R <sub>4</sub> =N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> 3,6-Dichloro-N <sup>1</sup> -2 imidazolidinylidene)-N <sup>4</sup> ,N <sup>4</sup> -dimethyl-1,4-benzene- diamine Dihydrochloride	----	1,000.0

(continued)

TABLE I - continued

IOP Lowering Data  
(Drop In Intraocular Pressure  
After Topical Administration Of Drugs)

	(C) 50uL 0.5 topical Steroid Rabbit %IOP	(D) Dose 50uL/kg 20% b.p. Decease Rat
R <sub>1</sub> =R <sub>2</sub> =ethyl; R <sub>3</sub> =H, R <sub>4</sub> =H 2,6-Diethyl-N-(2- imidazolidinylidene)- benzamine Free Base	11.3%	19.0
R <sub>1</sub> =R <sub>2</sub> =ethyl; R <sub>3</sub> =H, R <sub>4</sub> =NH <sub>2</sub> 2,6-Diethyl-N <sup>1</sup> -(2- imidazolidinylidene)- 1,4-benzenediamine Dihydrochloride	---	10.0
R <sub>1</sub> =R <sub>2</sub> =ethyl; R <sub>3</sub> =H, R <sub>4</sub> =-NCOCH <sub>3</sub> N-[2-6-Diethyl-4-(20 imidazolidinylideneamino)- phenyl]-acetamide Hydrochloride	---	130.0
R <sub>1</sub> =R <sub>2</sub> =ethyl; R <sub>3</sub> =-NH <sub>2</sub> , R <sub>4</sub> =H 2,6-Diethyl-N <sup>1</sup> -(2- imidazolidinylidene)- 1,3-benzenediamine Dihydrochloride	---	100.0
R <sub>1</sub> =R <sub>2</sub> =Cl; R <sub>3</sub> =H, R <sub>4</sub> =-CN 4-Cyano-2,6-dichloro- N-(2-imidazolidinylidene)- benzamine	---	8,300.0

TABLE I - continued

IOP Lowering Data  
(Drop In Intraocular Pressure  
After Topical Administration Of Drugs)

	(C)	(D)
	50uL 0.5	Dose 50 uL/kg
	topical	20% b.p.
	Steroid Rabbit	Decease
	%IOP	Rag
$R_1=R_2=Cl;$	--	--
$R_3=H, R_4=-CONH_2$		
3,5-Dichloro-4-(2- imidazolidinylideneamino)- benzenecarboxamide Free Base		
$R_1=Cl; R_2=H; R_3=NH_2;$		
$R_4=CH_3$		
6-Chloro-N <sup>1</sup> =(2- imidazolidinylidene)- 4-methyl- 1,5-benzenediamine Dihydrochloride		

(continued)

TABLE I - continued

IOP Lowering Data  
(Drop In Intraocular Pressure  
After Topical Administration Of Drugs)

	(E) Dose 50uL/kg 50% sleeptime pro. in mice tested <u>Na Hexobarbital</u>	(F) <sub>1</sub> IOP <sup>1</sup> hrs dura- <u>tion</u>
R <sub>1</sub> =R <sub>2</sub> =Cl; R <sub>3</sub> =R <sub>4</sub> =H 2,6-Dichloro-N-2- imidazolidinylidene- benzamine Free Base	77	5-6
R <sub>1</sub> =R <sub>2</sub> =Cl; R <sub>3</sub> =H, R <sub>4</sub> =NH <sub>2</sub> 2,6-Dichloro-N <sup>1</sup> -2- imidazolidinylidene-1,4- benzenediamine Dihydro- chloride	1,250	7 7 5-6
R <sub>1</sub> =R <sub>2</sub> =Cl; R <sub>3</sub> =H, R <sub>4</sub> =NCOH N-[3,5-Dichloro-4-(2- imidazolidinylideneamino)- phenyl]-formamide Free Base	2,300	7-8
R <sub>1</sub> =R <sub>2</sub> =Cl; R <sub>3</sub> =H, R <sub>4</sub> =NCOCH <sub>3</sub> N-[3,5-Dichloro-4-(2- imidazolidinylideneamino)- phenyl]-acetamide Hydrochloride	2,100	7
R <sub>1</sub> =R <sub>2</sub> =Cl; R <sub>3</sub> =H, R <sub>4</sub> =-OH 3,5-Dichloro-4-(2- imidazolidinylideneamino)- phenol Hydrochloride	10,000	

TABLE I - continued

IOP Lowering Data  
(Drop In Intraocular Pressure  
After Topical Administration Of Drugs)

	(E) Dose 50uL/kg 50% sleeptime pro. in mice tested <u>Na Hexobarbital</u>	(F) <sup>1</sup> IOP <sup>1</sup> hrs dura- tion
R <sub>1</sub> =R <sub>2</sub> =Cl; R <sub>3</sub> =-NH <sub>2</sub> , R <sub>4</sub> =H 2,6-Dichloro-N <sup>1</sup> -(2- imidazolidinylidene)- 1,3-benzenediamine Hydrochloride	175	7
R <sub>1</sub> =R <sub>2</sub> =Cl; R <sub>3</sub> =H, R <sub>4</sub> =-CH <sub>2</sub> -OH 3,5-Dichloro-4-(2- imidazolidinylideneamino)- benzenemethanol Hydrochloride	1,080	5-6
R <sub>1</sub> =R <sub>2</sub> =Cl; R <sub>3</sub> =H, R <sub>4</sub> =COOH 3,5-Dichloro-4-(2- imidazolidinylidene amino)-benzoic Acid	12,150	
R <sub>1</sub> =R <sub>2</sub> =Cl; R <sub>3</sub> =H, R <sub>4</sub> =CO <sub>2</sub> C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> 3,5-Dichloro-4-(2- imidazolidinylideneamino)- benzoic Acid Ethyl Ester	4,050	5-6 4-5
R <sub>1</sub> =R <sub>2</sub> =Cl; R <sub>3</sub> =H, R <sub>4</sub> =N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> 2,6-Dichloro-N <sup>1</sup> -(2- imidazolidinylidene)-N <sup>4</sup> ,N <sup>4</sup> - dimethyl-1,4-benzene- diamine Dihydrochloride	2,950	

(continued)

TABLE I - continued

IOP Lowering Data  
(Drop In Intraocular Pressure  
After Topical Administration Of Drugs)

	(E) Dose 50uL/kg 50% sleeptime pro. in mice tested <u>Na Hexobarbital</u>	(F) <sub>1</sub> IOP <sub>1</sub> hrs dura- <u>tion</u>
R <sub>1</sub> =R <sub>2</sub> =ethyl; R <sub>3</sub> =H, R <sub>4</sub> =H 2,6-Diethyl-N-(2- imidazolidinylidene)- benzamine Free Base	420	
R <sub>1</sub> =R <sub>2</sub> =ethyl; R <sub>3</sub> =H, R <sub>4</sub> =NH <sub>2</sub> 2,6-Diethyl-N <sup>1</sup> -(2- imidazolidinylidene)- 1,4-benzenediamine Dihydrochloride	340	
R <sub>1</sub> =R <sub>2</sub> =ethyl; R <sub>3</sub> =H, R <sub>4</sub> =-NCOCH <sub>3</sub> N-[2,6-Diethyl-4-(2- imidazolidinylideneamino)- phenyl]-acetamide Hydrochloride	--	
R <sub>1</sub> =R <sub>2</sub> =ethyl; R <sub>3</sub> =-NH <sub>2</sub> , R <sub>4</sub> =H 2,6-Diethyl-N <sup>1</sup> -(2- imidazolidinylidene)- 1,3-benzenediamine Dihydrochloride	1,100	
R <sub>1</sub> =R <sub>2</sub> =Cl; R <sub>3</sub> =H, R <sub>4</sub> =-CN 4-Cyano-2,6-dichloro- N-(2-imidazolidinylidene)- benzamine	4,050	

(continued)



TABLE I - continued

IOP Lowering Data  
(Drop In Intraocular Pressure  
After Topical Administration Of Drugs

	(E) Dose 50uL/kg 50% sleeptime pro. in mice tested <u>Na Hexobarbital</u>	(F) <sup>1</sup> IOP <sup>1</sup> hrs dura- <u>tion</u>
R <sub>1</sub> =R <sub>2</sub> =Cl; R <sub>3</sub> =H, R <sub>4</sub> =-CONH <sub>2</sub> 3,5-Dichloro-4-(2- imidazolidinylideneamino)- benzenecarboxamide Free Base	4,050	
R <sub>1</sub> =Cl; R <sub>2</sub> =H; R <sub>3</sub> =NH <sub>2</sub> ; R <sub>4</sub> =CH <sub>3</sub> 6-Chloro-N <sup>1</sup> =(2- imidazolidinylidene)- 4-methyl- 1,3-benzenediamine Dihydrochloride		

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<sup>1</sup> In testing at present in the steroid rabbit model. Duration of action in the Steroid rabbit model in hours, versus control, statistically significant 95% confidence.

<sup>2</sup> Dose %IOP effect at 0.25% (50uL) topical.

<sup>3</sup> Dose %IOP effect at 0.125% (50uL) topical.

The data in Columns A, B, and C of TABLE I, which are expressed as a percent lowering of IOP from control values, as well as the data in Columns D, E, and F of TABLE I establish that the disclosed compounds are capable of lower IOP at therapeutic levels which do not affect systemic blood pressure or express any overt central nervous system side effects such as sedation.

The following are representative compositions for topical application to the eye:

Preparation 1

	<u>Ingredient</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
	0.5% w/v of the compound of Example VII	0.57 g
15	Benzalkonium chloride	0.01 g
	Sodium chloride	as required to adjust to 300-500 milliosmolar
20	Sodium hydroxide and/or hydrochloric acid	to adjust pH to 7.0
	Purified water	q.s. to 100mL

Preparation 2

	<u>Ingredient</u>	<u>Percentage by Weight</u>
25	1.0% w/v of the compound of Example VII	1.0
	Benzalkonium chloride	0.01
	Sodium acetate	0.07
30	Sodium chloride	0.6
	Hydrochloric acid and/or sodium hydroxide	to adjust pH to 5.0 to 5.5
	Purified Water	q.s. to 100%

Preparation 3

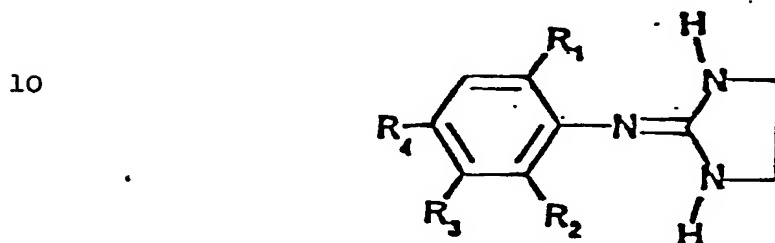
<u>Ingredient</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1.5% w/v of the compound of Example VII	1.5
Benzalkonium chloride	0.01
Dried sodium phosphate	0.01
Sodium Biphosphate	0.07
Sodium chloride	0.18
Sodium hydroxide and/or hydrochloric acid	to adjust pH
Purified Water	q.s. to 100%

Preparation 4

<u>Ingredient</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0.5% w/v of the compound of Example VII	0.5
Benzalkonium chloride	0.01
Sodium acetate	0.14
Disodium edetate	0.01
Sodium chloride	0.52
Hydrochloric acid and/or sodium hydroxide	to adjust pH
Hydroxypropylmethylcellulose	0.5
Purified Water	q.s. 100% "

CLAIMS:

1. A topical composition for administration to the eye which comprises an amount effective to lower intraocular pressure of a 2-(trisubstituted phenylimino)imidazoline, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, having the general formula :



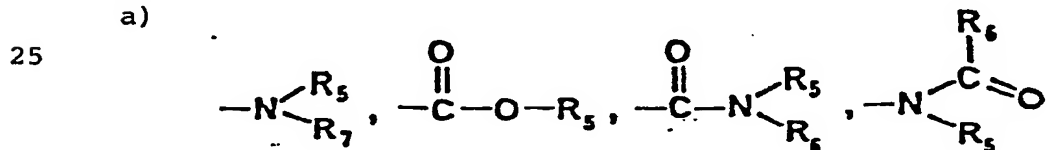
- 15 where  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$  and  $R_4$  are defined in accordance with either I or II as follows:

L.  $R_1 = R_2$  and is a methyl, ethyl or trifluoromethyl group, or a chloro or bromo atom,

20  $R_1 \neq R_2$  and each is independently a methyl, ethyl, or trifluoromethyl group or a fluoro, chloro or bromo atom,

one of  $R_3$  and  $R_4$  is a hydrogen atom and the other is

a)



30  $R_5 = R_6$  = a hydrogen atom or a lower alkyl group,  
 $R_5 \neq R_6$  and each is a hydrogen atom or a lower alkyl group,

$R_7$  = a hydrogen atom or a lower alkyl, 2-hydroxyethyl,

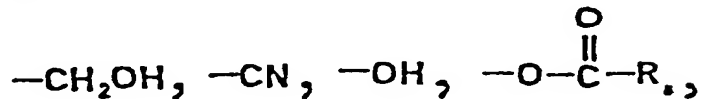
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2-hydroxypropyl or 3-hydroxypropyl group,

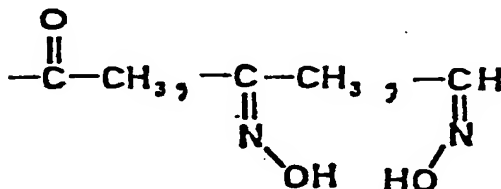
the sum of the carbon atoms in  $R_5$  and  $R_6$  or  $R_5$  and  $R_7$  being 4 or less, or

b)

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$R_8$  = a lower alkyl group;

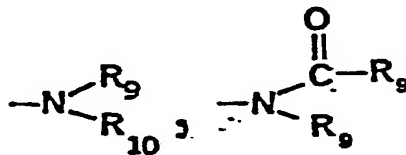
II.  $R_1$  is a methyl, ethyl or trifluoromethyl group, or a chloro or bromo atom,

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$R_2$  = a hydrogen atom,

$R_3$  is

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$R_4$  = a methyl group or a chloro or bromo atom,

$R_9$  = a hydrogen atom or a lower alkyl group,

25  $R_{10}$  = a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl, 2-hydroxy-methyl, 2-hydroxypropyl or 3-hydroxypropyl group,

the sum of the carbon atoms in  $R_9$  and  $R_{10}$  being 4 or less, together with a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier.

2. A composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein  
30 the 2-(trisubstituted phenylimino)-imidazoline is contained therein in an amount of from 0.01% to 1.5% w/v based upon the equivalent weight of the compound free base.

3. A composition as claimed in claim 1 or claim 2 which is in the form of a solution, gel or ointment.

4. A composition as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3 wherein the 2-(trisubstituted phenylimino)-imidazoline is 2,6-dichloro-N<sup>1</sup>-(2-imidazolidinylidene)-1,3-benzenediamine.

5. A composition as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3 wherein the 2-(trisubstituted phenylimino)-imidazoline is 2,6-dichloro-N<sup>1</sup>-(2-imidazolidinylidene)-1,3-benzenediamine.

6. A composition as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3 wherein the 2-(trisubstituted phenylimino)-imidazoline is N-(3,5-dichloro-4-(2-imidazolidinylideneamino)-phenyl)-acetamide.

7. A composition as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3 wherein the 2-(trisubstituted phenylimino)-imidazoline is 2,6-diethyl-N<sup>1</sup>-(2-imidazolidinylidene)-1,4-benzenediamine.

8. A composition as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3 wherein the 2-(trisubstituted phenylimino)-imidazoline is 2,6-diethyl-N<sup>1</sup>-(2-imidazolidinylideneamino)-phenyl)-acetamide.

9. A composition as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3 wherein the 2-(trisubstituted phenylimino)-imidazoline is N-(3,5-diethyl-4-(2-imidazolidinylideneamino)-phenyl)-acetamide.

10. A composition as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3 wherein the 2-(trisubstituted phenylimino)-imidazoline is 3,5-dichloro-4-(2-imidazolidinylideneamino)-phenol or an ester thereof.

11. A method of formulating a topical composition for administration to the eye as defined in claim 1 which comprises admixing an amount effective to lower intraocular pressure of a 2-(trisubstituted phenylimino)-imidazoline as defined in claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, with a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier.

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